

Amendment "A"

Pending Claims

Original claims 1-20 are pending as provided hereinafter:

Claim 1 (Original). A method for configuring a computer to obtain status information for subsequent print jobs to a printer, the method comprising:

supplying a proxy printer driver in place of an actual printer driver associated with the printer.

Claim 2 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

configuring the computer to spool RAW datatype to the printer.

Claim 3 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing a unique identifier of the computer.

Claim 4 (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the computer utilizes an operating system having a registry, and the storing step comprises:

storing the unique identifier of the computer in the registry.

Claim 5 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

setting a flag so as to indicate that the computer is able to provide status for print jobs on the printer.

Claim 6 (Original). The method of claim 5 wherein the computer utilizes an operating system having a registry, and the flag is within the registry.

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1 Claim 7 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2       hooking a function in the actual printer driver.

4 Claim 8 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

5       hooking a function in an interface to the actual printer driver.

7 Claim 9 (Original). A method of gathering status for a print job from a computer to a  
8 printer, the method comprising:

9       executing a proxy printer driver while producing the print job, wherein the  
10 proxy printer driver is a proxy for an actual printer driver;

11       inserting into the print job a unique identifier of the print job; and

12       querying at least one of a spooler and the printer regarding status of the print  
13 job.

15 Claim 10 (Original). The method of claim 9 further comprising:

16       detecting inception of the print job.

18 Claim 11 (Original). The method of claim 9 further comprising:

19       producing a notification of the status of the print job.

21 Claim 12 (Original). The method of claim 9 wherein the step of executing the proxy  
22 printer driver comprises:

23       receiving a call to a function; and

24       calling a corresponding function in the actual printer driver.

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1 Claim 13 (Original). The method of claim 9 wherein the step of executing the proxy  
2 printer driver comprises:

3 producing RAW data.  
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5 Claim 14 (Original). A computer readable medium on which is embedded a  
6 computer program, the program comprising:

7 a proxy printer driver translation part, the proxy printer driver translation part  
8 being a proxy for an actual printer driver translation part.  
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10 Claim 15 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
11 program further comprises:

12 a status configuration utility.  
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14 Claim 16 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
15 program further comprises:

16 a status monitor.  
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18 Claim 17 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
19 program further comprises:

20 a spooler, wherein the spooler comprises a port monitor.  
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22 Claim 18 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
23 program further comprises:

24 a graphic device interface.  
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1 Claim 19 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
2 program further comprises:

3 a registry.  
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5 Claim 20 (Original). The computer readable medium of claim 14 wherein the  
6 program further comprises:

7 the actual printer driver translation part.  
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